



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



WESTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Bible Study (Nursery Provided)	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship (Nursery Provided)	10:45 a.m.
Evening Service	6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Youth Bible Study	3:00 p.m.
Bible Study, RA's & GA's	6:30 p.m.

(Nursery Provided)

Pastor

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Music Director

Zach Zajicek
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Deacons

John Tilley, John L. Moser,
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Cliff Frazier, Jeff Douglas,
Mike Bosley, Tom Witte,
Zach Zajicek, Jonathan Henry,
Ryan Chambers

FROM THE PASTOR

I am writing this article the morning after Brother Zach's message on Article 11 of the Baptist Faith and Message: Evangelism and Missions. My heart was challenged and encouraged to remember our "duty and privilege" as believers in Jesus Christ to make disciples of all nations. I have recently expressed in a pastoral report my desire for us to consider our placement in this community.

In God's providence, He placed it in the hearts of the members of Southside Baptist Church to plant a church in the Four Pines community. The believers who formed this church in 1948, originally named Emmanuel Baptist Church, were unaware of what would occur twenty years later in this area of Palestine. Flash forward to 1968, the church voted to change the name to Westwood Baptist Church to reflect the new school district and growing community.

I believe that God has placed us in this location for the very purpose of reaching this community. If you were to pull out an old directory, you would find the phrase, "The Heart of Westwood." God has sovereignly established our church in the heart of Westwood. Upon returning "home" to serve our local church in 2015, it was evident that our community had changed. In fact, our region has seen significant change in recent years. Many are unchurched and even dead in their trespasses and sins. There are 12,494 that live within the WISD boundary. It is these souls that God has placed us amongst, not by chance.

With this in mind, I want to direct you to the book, Life in the Body of Christ, by Curtis Thomas. Thomas encourages the Christian to befriend unbelievers for evangelistic opportunities. He states:

"We definitely need Christian friends. But we also need to make friends with the lost, in order to reach them for the gospel. Obviously, we must not fall into their lifestyle, but should use every opportunity available to show them by our life and to tell them by our tongue, just what Christ means to us. Opportunities are all around us; we just need to cultivate an eye for the best means available in meeting and influencing these people."

I know we don't all live in the Westwood community, but I would encourage you to take this practice with you. God has placed neighbors and coworkers around you for a purpose. I pray that you would consider the field for which God has called you personally to work. As you labor in the field that God has placed you, let's commit to pray also for the souls around our church. Let's be sure we remember that we have all been called to make disciples. I leave us with the final sentence in Article 11 of the Baptist Faith and Message: "It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ."

In love,
Josh



**KIDS & YOUTH
SUMMER
READING
PROGRAM**

June 1 through August 31

Men & Women's Bible Study



Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**ROYAL AMBASSADORS
AND
GIRLS IN ACTION**

Kindergarten through 5th Grade

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:30
JUNE 10 - AUGUST 12**



5th Sunday Meal

Sunday, August 30
After Morning Service



BIRTHDAY

	1		16
	8		17
	9		18
	9		20
	10		21
	11		22
	12		24
	16		26
	16		29



BACK TO SCHOOL
Pool Party



**ATHENS CAIN CENTER POOL
AUGUST 8TH
2-4PM**



WISD

TEACHER LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12



MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE
SALADS AND DESSERTS



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

Saturday, August 15
8am, At the Church



August

2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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2 Evening Service	3	4	5 Bible Study, RA's & GA's	6	7	8 Back to School Pool Party
9 Evening Service	10	11	12 WISD Teacher Luncheon Bible Study, RA's & GA's	13	14	15 Men's Breakfast
16 Kids Promotion Sunday Business Meeting, Corporate Prayer, Open Gym	17	18	19 No Activities	20	21	22
23 No Evening Services	24	25	26 No Activities	27	28	29
30 5th Sunday Meal Theme: Breakfast No Evening Services	31					